

Attachment I

Agricultural and Forestal District Eligibility for Interim Addition Applications

The Loudoun County Agricultural and Forestal District Program was formed in 1979 under Virginia State enabling legislation. The Program is guided by Chapter 15.2, Section 43 of the Code of Virginia and Chapter 1226 of Loudoun County Code.

Eligibility for the Agricultural and Forestal District Program is based on geography. Virginia State Code requires that each Agricultural and Forestal District have a core of at least 200 acres in one parcel or contiguous parcels. A parcel not part of the core may be included in a District if:

- a. the nearest boundary of the parcel is within one mile of the boundary of the core, or
- b. it is contiguous to a parcel in the district the nearest boundary of which is within one mile of the boundary of the core.

As permitted by State Code, the Board of Supervisors adopted a June 1 deadline for annual interim addition applications. On or before June 1st of each year, any owner of qualifying land may submit an application for the addition of land to an existing Agricultural and Forestal District (§ [15.2-4305](#)). Upon receipt of an application, the Board of Supervisors shall refer the application and proposed modifications to the Planning Commission, which shall report its recommendations including but not limited to the potential effect of the district and proposed modifications upon the county's planning policies and objectives (§ [15.2-4307](#)), and to the Agricultural District Advisory Committee (ADAC), which shall render expert advice as to the nature of farming and forestry and agricultural and forestal resources within the District and their relation to the entire county (§ [15.2-4304](#) and § [15.2-4308](#)). After receiving the reports of the Planning Commission and the ADAC, the Board of Supervisors shall hold a public hearing as provided by law, and after such public hearing, may by ordinance add land to an existing district as applied for, or with any modifications it deems appropriate (§ [15.2-4309](#)).

Any owner of additional qualifying land may join the application within thirty days from the date notice is first published or, with the consent of the Board of Supervisors, at any time before the public hearing the Board must hold on the application. According to State Code §15.2-4309, the Board of Supervisors shall act to adopt or reject the application, or any modification of it, no later than 180 days from June 1.